# Synthesis and Evaluation of Thermoresponsive Boron-Containing Poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) Diblock Copolymers for Self-Assembling Nanomicellar Boron Carriers

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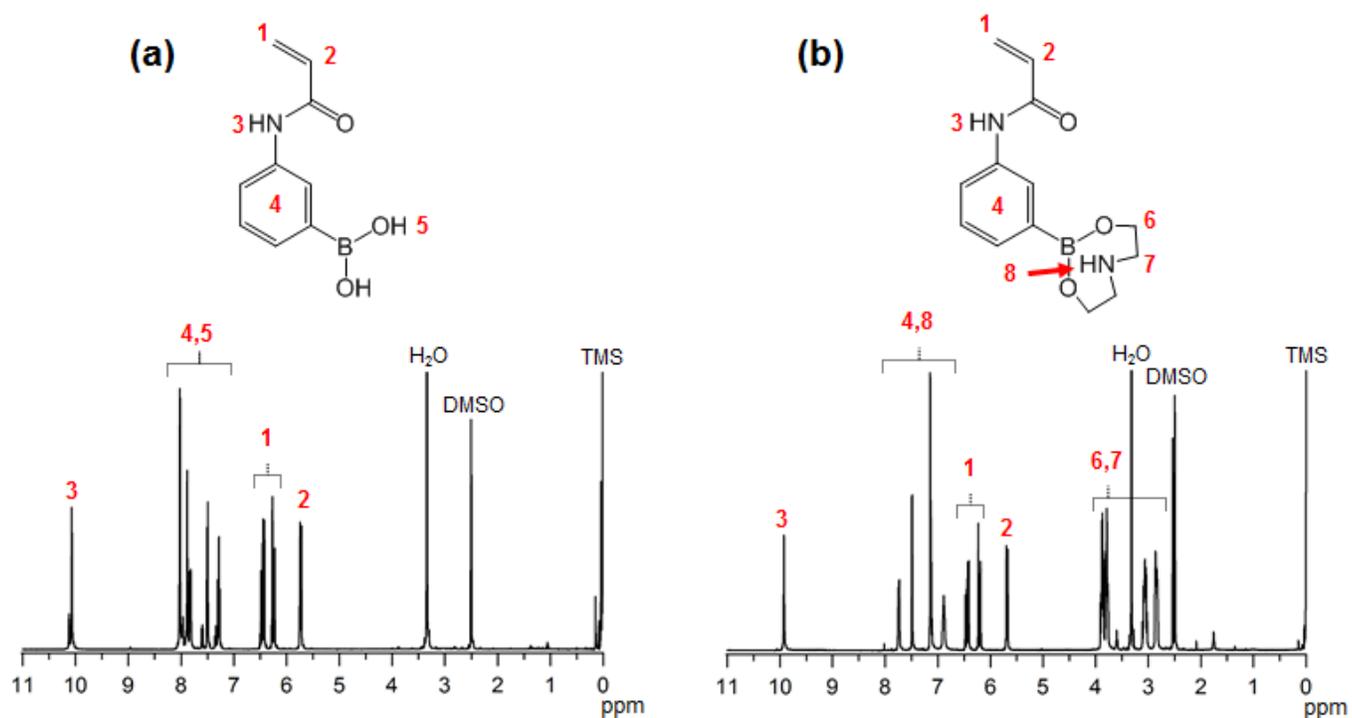
**Figure S1.** $^1$H-NMR spectra of (a) PBA monomer and (b) PBA(protected) monomer in DMSO-$d_6$ solvent at 400MHz (JEOL ECX400P spectrometer) and ambient temperature.
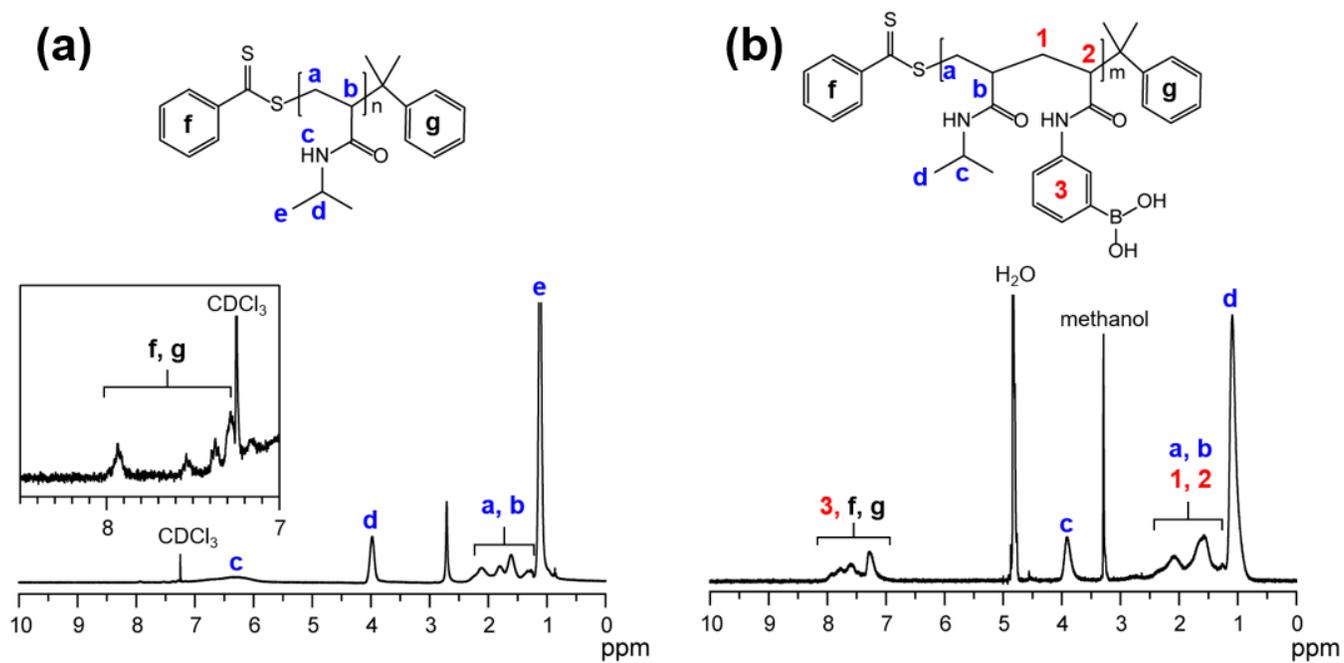
**Figure S2.** $^1$H-NMR spectra of (a) poly(NIPAAm) in CDCl$_3$ solvent and (b) poly(NIPAAm-*co*-PBA) in CD$_3$OD solvent at 400MHz (JEOL ECX400P spectrometer) and 25 °C.
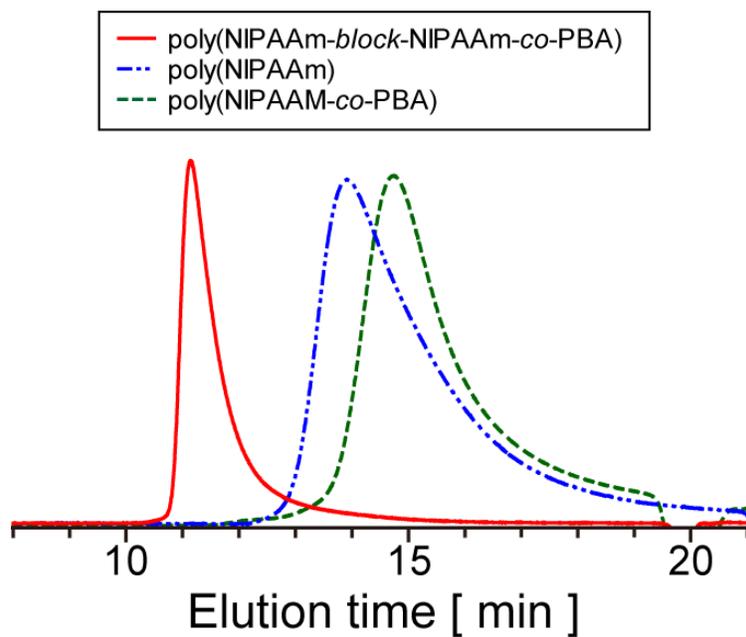
**Figure S3.** GPC chromatograms of poly(NIPAAm), poly(NIPAAm-*co*-PBA) and poly(NIPAAm-*block*-NIPAAm-*co*-PBA). The GPC measurements were performed by using THF as a mobile phase at 40 °C and the flow rate of 1.0 mL min$^{-1}$.
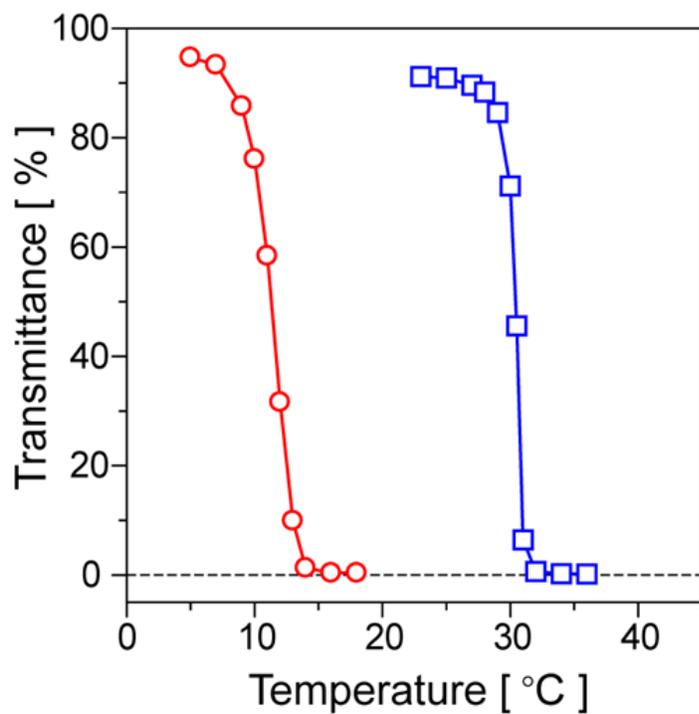
**Figure S4.** Temperature dependence of optical transmittance of poly(NIPAAm) (open square) and poly(NIPAAm-*co*-PBA) (open circle) dissolved in pure water.
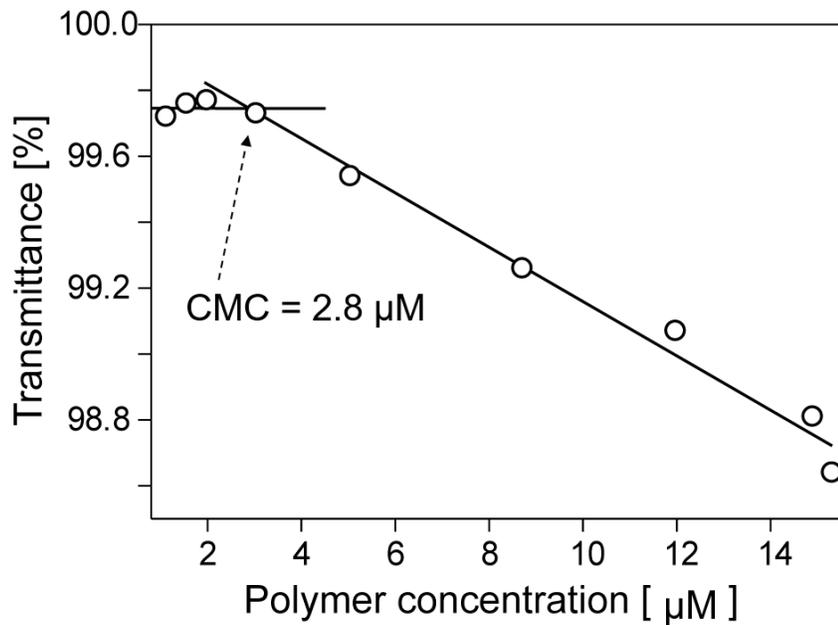
**Figure S5.** Concentration dependence of optical transmittance of poly(NIPAAm-*block*-NIPAAm-*co*-PBA) dissolved in pure water. The optical transmittance was measured at fixed wavelength of 400 nm. Two straight lines represent the least squares regression lines.